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SUBJECT: COUVREUR-ALCON LAB'S COMPENSATION CLAIM

1. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN PAST MONTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A MR. FRANK BUHLER OF ALCON LAB., FT. WORTH TEXAS. BUHLER INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT ALCON HAS FILED 1.8 MILLION DOLS COMPENSATION CLAIM AGAINST GOZ FOR NATIONALIZATION OF PROPERTY OF ALCON'S ZAIRIAN SUBSIDIARY, COUVREUR. BUHLER SAID THAT HE FILED FOR COMPENSATION BY PRESENTING INVOICES TO MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND FINANCE.

2. BECAUSE GOZ HAS NOT CONTACTED BUHLER REGARDING INTENTIONS TO COMPENSATE ALCON AND IF SO ON WHAT PAY SCHEDULE AND AT WHAT AMOUNTS BUHLER NOW REQUESTING DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN EXERTING PRESSURE ON ZAIRIAN MINISTRY OF PORTFOLIO TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPEDITE HIS CLAIM. IN THIS REGARD, BUHLER INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAID FOUR VISITS TO EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CONCERNING COMPENSATION.

3. FYI: BUHLER HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO SEND THIS MESSAGE TO COMMERCIAL ATTACHE: QUOTE COUVREUR-ALCON DEBT STILL IN LIMBO. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE BEST EFFORT TO RECEIVE A PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN WRITING FROM GOZ.

MR. DEBOLLE FROM COUVREUR WILL CALL ON YOU ON
APPROXIMATELY NOV. 3 I HOPE YOU CAN ASSIST HIM WITH
HIS REQUESTS REGARDING COMPENSATION. END QUOTE. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE PRECEDING PARA FYI ONLY,
TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION THAN TO PROVIDE INFO FOR
DEPARTMENT ON STATUS OF COUVREUR-ALCON CASE. VANCE

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